



January 27, 2003

Michael Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WC Docket #03-11

Dear Chairman Powell:

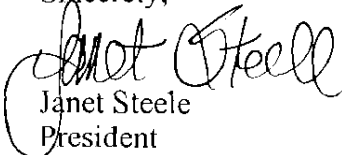
I am writing in support of and to encourage your speedy review and approval of Qwest's application to the Federal Communications Commission to offer long distance services in Oregon.

The Albany Chamber of Commerce serves area businesses and the community to help keep Albany a place where business can prosper and families can live, work and play. As users of long distance, local services, the internet and cellular phone services we see value in the option of being able to buy all of these services from one vendor--whether that company is Qwest or not. Additionally, with true competition in long distance services, we believe costs for all services will decrease and we will see a continued increase in service quality. The ability to communicate cost effectively is extremely important, not only for today but for the future.

Since your approval last month, nine other states in the west are benefiting from Qwest's ability to provide long distance services and we don't want Oregon to be left behind. Approval of Qwest's long distance application in Oregon is an important step toward more local competition, the delivery of better service, and lower prices.

We encourage your timely review and support of the application that was filed January 15th.

Sincerely,


Janet Steele
President


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cc: Marlene Dortch, Secretary to the FCC